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## DON'T BE ALARMED.

Our telephone has been ringing all morning. Notes and verbal enquiries have been plentiful. All signs of a panic have been in evidence. The false alarm of cholera on the Quarantine Station was the immediate cause.

If we may adopt a slang expression we would say to our friends, and their wives, and their children: "please keep your shirt on." "There is no reason for any undue alarm." Two deaths have taken place among the three or four hundred Chinese now at the Quarantine Station, and the causes of death have been owing to ordinary forms of dysentery and other bowel diseases, quite common at this time of the year; especially among coolies shipped to this country just getting into the fresh fruit and vegetables again.

The authorities deserve the highest praise for their prompt dealing with the matter. Everybody at the station, on business, or otherwise, has been peremptorily placed in quarantine. No chances will be given to the eventual spread of any disease.

We will here state that the Chinese at the Quarantine Station are at least six weeks out from China and that cholera is never known to break out after such length of time as its contagion is as a rule always sudden, and without delay.

While we differ politically in many ways from the present administration we will however, unhesitatingly state that the executive officers have the absolute confidence of the people as far as purely executive and sanitary matters are concerned. Should it be proven against common reason, that cholera is at the Quarantine Station we are confident that every prevented measure will be taken which science and provision can demand. In the meantime it is just as well to tabu green mangoes, indigestible fruits and cucumbers, and to devote more time and space to port wine and other stomach warmers. You never can tell—especially about the latter.

Although building alterations are going on, N. S. Sach's is still prepared to do business, all orders by telephone will be promptly executed and delivered free to any part of the city.

## PER GUARDIAN.

Somehow or other there has been a tacit understanding that decisions of the Hawaiian Courts shall not be criticised in Hawaii.

We fail to see the sense or justice of that theory and we propose to break the rule by analyzing and criticizing every decision rendered by our not-infallible courts, and to show to our judges what the opinions of educated and thinking laymen are.

We are not prejudiced against the judges of the R public. We consider Judge Cooper to be probably as fair and honest a man as ever sat on the bench in Hawaii.

Judge Whiting is a man before whom every alleged offender can go with pleasure and depend on a fair hearing—especially if the judge's breakfast has agreed with him.

The Supreme Court lately consists of the immaculate Judd—about whom more anon—the scholarly Fear whose experience in law dates back several months and anybody before the bar who can be found willing to take Bickerton's seat and like him signify his willingness to stay with the majority and the C. J.—through thick and thin.

Why, by the way, should decisions of the Supreme Court or any other Court not be criticised? The journals in the United States do it daily. Truth, the most frequently read paper in England, devotes pages to a review of every action and decision given by a judge—be it the highest in the land, or the most insignificant justice of the peace on the Isle of Man. Judges are servants of the people and it is to the people that they owe a satisfactory explanation of every decision and step taken by them.

The McGrew divorce case has cropped up again. We care nothing for the details of the case, but we do say that the Supreme Court of Hawaii, in our idea, has made itself ridiculous by holding that a divorce suit can be continued, heard, appealed and decided in favor of a plaintiff who is dead and buried.

Chief Justice Judd allowed the guardian of a man, declared *non compos mentis* to carry out a suit for divorce in favor of the imbecile. He was held up to ridicule here and elsewhere. His judicial standing in fact received its death blow. (It didn't take much to kill it.) But he and his colleagues have gone farther and they have placed the judicial stamp of Hawaiian Supreme Court in Banco on a divorce case in which the plaintiff is as dead as a door nail, and they have held that, in order to get justice, the poor woman defending the case should have perfected an appeal against the charges of the attorneys of her husband's corpse.

We repeat that we know nothing about the man or the woman in this case. We do not care to hear the merits of it. But we unhesitatingly say that the decision of the two Supreme Judges and their temporary colleague is neither good law, justice, nor common sense—Divorced per guardian, dead per guardian, and judged per guardian.

## TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Some people criticize our course. They say "Why do you always find fault? Can't you find something to praise?" Yes! we can. But

there is no necessity of our making ourselves a mutual self admiration society to the "best government Hawaii ever had." What is good is praised at once by every one. But all have not the knowledge or the acquaintances with affairs to find out when certain matters proposed, or done, will have evil consequences. Nay, not even the actors in the drama see the possible or probable effects of their actions or projects. It is our province, as censor to overlook the drama and show what will come if the propositions be strictly carried out. We are aware it is a thankless task. But it is necessary. The parasitical adulators who continuously cry "great is Allah and the Republic is his only prophet" are worse than useless in attaining the ends of good government. We suffer obloquy, but we are in earnest in desiring the best results for everyone—rich or poor—that can be got out of the government. And we don't propose to sink our honest convictions out of sight simply because some people feel offended and hurt. It is not a personal matter with us. It is done for "the future in the distance and the good that we can do." No petty spite, personal dislike, or feelings of revenge tinge any of our articles. People may urge that they do; because personally we are not the best of friends—and they have proposed the objectionable scheme. But it is not so. It is with "an eye single" to the public welfare that we oppose anything. The individual personality of the originator of the scheme attacked, or the personality of the office holder affected by it, never enters into our conception of the matter. To us, in our common persons are lay-figures. Facts, schemes, and deeds are what we fight against, not the mere pismires of human beings who think the world revolves round the centre of their sacred persons.

The Advertiser mentions in its report of the shooting match that Young F. B. Damon "keeps his mouth shut." Is it polite to ask whether that gentlemanly sheet wants him to keep it open? Do they think that he is obliged to "shoot" off his jaw?

The Star editor doesn't like San Francisco. He says it is "disappointed" "unprogressive" "un-south and artificial." Now if San Francisco people will only read the Star we can promise the editor a warm reception on his return trip to the Coast.

The decision of the Supreme Court in the late H. G. McGrew's insurance case has raised many questions in the minds of married men. What is the use of issuing a policy in your wife's name for her benefit if when you die that it becomes the personal property of your corpse and can be seized by your executor and held for the benefit of your creditors.

During the revolution the Star was bloodthirsty. Now it wants all the prisoners freed. Chiefly, however, as the result of "international scrutiny." (We don't know exactly what that means.) But, however, badinage apart, the Star deserves every honest man's approval (who has the interests of the Republic and people of Hawaii at heart) for its change of front. Let us remember that "as we judge so shall we be judged." Release, all and we shall have continuing peace.

The Advertiser reprints the following from the S. F. Chronicle of the 4th:

"A prominent Honolulu merchant, Mr. Schaefer, who left for the islands on the last steamer, said at the dock that he had reason to believe that trouble would come to Hawaii in about three weeks, and that he was glad to get started back in time to bear arms for the defense of the country."

Whether the story was true or not Mr. Schaefer's prominence in the community, not only as a merchant of long standing and the highest re-

liability, but as Consul for Italy, should have required some confirmation or denial of the statement before printing it. Newspapers occasionally reprint things from abroad in order to show their falsity and, in order to do so, they duly comment on them. But in this case the story is wholly without foundation, and, without retraction, is liable to cause many friends and business connections of Mr. Schaefer to take up utterly erroneous impressions of what he has been saying and doing abroad. Mr. Schaefer said nothing of the kind to anybody here or elsewhere. It is in order now for the Advertiser to explain.

More filibusters! We couldn't get them from China, and Southern California is too well watched. Now they are to come from a "dingy boarding house" on Bush street, San Francisco. Well, let them come. It's all right. Marsden has got Koebler over in Japan hunting up just the right kind of bug to exterminate them after they land. Before they do, however, Jos. and his fellow sharpshooters will have some sport in picking them off, if they only get near enough.

In most countries people who sit in grand stands at race-courses, football, cricket or baseball grounds have to pay so high a price that it necessarily follows they belong to the cultured wealthy classed. Here in Honolulu the price is low. And judging from their behavior the occupants of the seats are low also. Decency forbids quoting the remarks made from the grand stand the baseball grounds on Saturday. The management should make a rule forbidding unseemly or boisterous behavior on pain of expulsion.

The authorities who have childishly seen fit to resent Marshall's boyish escapade in desiring to breathe the free blue of Hawaii for a few hours before his enforced departure, and have relegated him to the malaria of the prison again have added to their spiteful retaliation. Since going back from the hospital—a barely recovered sick man—he has been placed in solitary confinement. Do they want the grave to yawn for every one of their victims? These matters may seem to some as trifles, but like straws which show the way the wind blows, they show the implacable disposition of some in authority. Be merciful.

Many people were surprised when the Senate, after objecting so strongly, confirmed the Presidential nomination of W. R. Castle as Minister to Washington. It has now leaked out that the chief reason which weighed with the confirming body, besides the threatened resignations, was the shortness of the term asked for. If all goes well with his schemes, W. R. Castle will be back in Honolulu six months from to-day. That is, before the regular session comes on. Like the fore known cable grab this illustrates the folly of government by camerilla.

Dr. A. B. Lyons goes. The Advertiser regrets it. If that paper had not supported the Hosmer side in the Punahou scandal we should have supported them in their regrets. We have always believed that, Dr. Lyons and his colleagues were right in their view of the matter, and have castigated the chief offender more than once. We cannot therefore now do more than regret that the country has to lose the services of so distinguished a scientist, and quiet and polished a gentleman as Dr. Lyons is. Alone, possibly, of all the missionary children he has striven to perform his work without trampling on the rights of the nation, which always honored his father, and has never even by implication tried to hurt the feelings of any. He, like his father, will always have an honored niche in the affections of his Hawaiian fellow citizens, whether he goes or stays. If our vote was the casting one we would say "Stay"—and hold up both hands for it.

## Timely Topics.



Honolulu, July 22, 1895.

It cannot be denied that the war cloud which hangs over the world at present is getting darker and darker. It is a historical fact that the end of each century has always been fraught with bloodshed and strife, internally as well as externally. The great powers of Europe today are making and unmaking alliances of all kinds. The fact is that diplomacy to-day is using every means to postpone the day when the crash must come and gain time for the different countries to prepare themselves for the gigantic struggle which will and must take place before the present generation dates its letters in the year 1900. Turkey is threatened from all sides. The Russian bear is extending his claws and licking his blood-thirsty tongue towards the East and South in anticipation of gain. The passive and cold brother nations who inhabit the Scandinavian peninsula are now glaring ferociously ready to spring at each other's throats. Germany, under its impetuous, indiscreet imperial master, is drifting into the deceptive maelstrom of conquest, and war, in which all past experience, all knowledge gained through the horrors of war are forgotten, and where only false sentiment and sham patriotism are ruling.

And while the giants get ready for the great war their leaders have realized one thing, and that is, that no army will have a show, no militia a chance, except provided with the indispensable bicycle. And no wonder that the monarchial countries of Europe prefer the "Monarch" to any other kind, and supply their "wheeling cavalry" with that favorite brand.

We have watched proceedings in the great countries with a great deal of care, and we have secured the sole agency for Hawaii of the Monarch Cycle. We have realized that, not alone a large stock is necessary, but that a workshop, in which all needed repairs can be done is in the interest of our patrons, and we have established one above our stores on Fort street. This "bicycle infirmary" will attend to any "sickness" which the wheel may meet through accident or lack of care. Our prices are far below veterinary figures. We fix the Monarchs sold by us at cost price if ever they should need it. We have everything on hand and have secured the services of a most experienced bicycle man, whose work we guarantee.

As the bicycle is not only of advantage in war but love, we wish to call the attention of the young boys and girls who have to spend their vacations in Honolulu, that we have wheels just suitable for them. If daddy can't send them to the country for a trip—or buy them a bow-wow—let them ask him for a Monarch. It will give more pleasure and last much longer than even a volcano trip.

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